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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of former
4 State Representative and State Senator Virginia Macdonald of
5 Arlington Heights, who passed away on July 12, 2008; and

6 WHEREAS, Virginia B. Macdonald was born October 24, 1920,
7 in El Paso, Texas; she attended the University of New Mexico,
8 where she met her late husband; and

9 WHEREAS, She was a volunteer for President Eisenhower's
10 re-election campaign in 1956 and Richard Nixon's unsuccessful
11 campaign for the presidency in 1960; she also worked on the
12 campaigns of Senator Dirksen and Senator Percy; and

13 WHEREAS, She was a founding member of St. Simon's Episcopal
14 Church in Arlington Heights; and she was involved in the Girl
15 Scouts; and

16 WHEREAS, She served in the Illinois House from 1973 to
17 1983, and the Illinois Senate from 1983 to 1994, representing
18 District 27; she was very active in Illinois politics for more
19 than 40 years and served as delegate to the Illinois
20 Constitutional Convention from 1969 to 1970; she was the only
21 woman who served as a member of the Bill of Rights Committee

1 that created the State's Equal Rights provision at the Sixth
2 Illinois Constitutional Convention; and

3 WHEREAS, Her legislative accomplishments include laws
4 requiring hospitals to safely dispose of nonradioactive
5 medical waste and reimbursement for reconstructive breast
6 surgery; she also sponsored bills that brought Lake Michigan
7 water to the Northwest suburbs of Chicago, decentralized the
8 State's juvenile court system, broadened the State's rape law
9 to include the charge of sexual assault, and created property
10 tax caps for suburban Cook County; and

11 WHEREAS, She was the beloved wife of the late Alan H.
12 Macdonald; the loving mother of Susan (John) Van Bramer and
13 Alan H. Macdonald Jr.; the cherished grandmother of Rebecca,
14 Diana, Michael, and Joseph Van Bramer and Michelle
15 (Christopher) Smudde; and the dear sister of the late Richard
16 and Hendrix Blue; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
18 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
19 mourn, along with her family, friends, and community, the
20 passing of former State legislator Virginia Macdonald; and be
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Virginia Macdonald as a symbol of
2 our sincere sympathy.